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## ***Grand Forks College Student Pleads Guilty to Distribution and Possession of Child Pornography***

**FARGO** - United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced that **James Russell Jackson** of Grand Forks, North Dakota, pleaded guilty on June 8, 2006, before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson to one count of distribution of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors and one count of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors.

On January 9, 2005, **Jackson**, distributed child pornography, by means of a computer, to an undercover special agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was working with the agency's Innocent Images Unit. After receiving the images from **Jackson**, the FBI subpoenaed Yahoo regarding the email account used to send the child pornography images. The investigation revealed that the email account was registered to **James Jackson** from Sidney, Montana. The investigation also revealed that the internet protocol address used to distribute the images originated from the Dakota Residence Hall on the University of North Dakota campus in Grand Forks, ND. On February 23, 2005, the FBI executed a search warrant for **Jackson's** dormitory room and found hundreds of still images and videos of young children involved in sexually explicit conduct, many of which depicted sadistic and masochistic conduct.

The charge of distribution of material involving the sexual exploitation of minors carries a

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statutory minimum mandatory penalty of five years' imprisonment and a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment. The charge of possession of materials involving the sexual exploitation of minors carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Sentencing for **Jackson** has been scheduled for August 25, 2006, in United States District Court in Fargo, North Dakota.

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